

10 performing said operation specified in the database query on said data.

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1 7. (Amended) A method for processing database query operations, comprising
2 the computer-implemented steps of:
3 a database server receiving a database query that:
4 references data in a relational structure as if the data was stored in a multi-dimensional
5 array, and
6 specifies an operation for manipulating data; and
7 in response to receiving said database query the database server executing the query by
8 performing steps that include:
9 retrieving the data from said relational structure;
10 performing said operation previously specified in said database query.

1 8. (Amended) The method of Claim 7, wherein:
2 the step of receiving a database query comprises the step of receiving a database query
3 that specifies a multi-dimensional array operation.

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1 12. (Amended) A method for processing database query operations, comprising
2 the computer-implemented steps of:
3 a database server receiving a database query that specifies an operation for manipulating
4 data; and
5 in response to receiving the database query, the database server performing the steps of:
6 retrieving a first set of data from a first relational structure;

storing the first set of data in a non-relational structure; and
manipulating the first set of data by performing the operation previously specified in the
database query.

1 18. (Amended) The method of Claim 12, wherein the step of manipulating the
2 first set of data comprises the steps of symbolically addressing the first set
3 of data as an n-dimensional array information.

1 41. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the
3 one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 1.

1 42. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the
3 one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 2.

1 43. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the
3 one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 3.

1 44. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the
3 one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 4.

1 45. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the
3 one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 5.

1 46. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the
3 one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 6.

1 47. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the
3 one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 7.

1 48. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the
3 one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 8.

1 49. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the
3 one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 9.

1 50. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the
3 one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 10.

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1 51. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the
3 one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 11.

1 52. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the
3 one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 12.

1 53. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the
3 one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 13.

1 54. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the
3 one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 14.

1 55. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the
3 one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 15.

1 56. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the
3 one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 16.

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1 57. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the
3 one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 17.

1 58. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the
3 one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 18.

1 59. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the
3 one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 19.

1 60. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the
3 one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 20

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